

March 11, 2019

Greene County Board of Supervisors

John Muir, Chair, Dawn Rudolph, Tom Contner, Mick Burkett, Peter Bardole

Greene County Courthouse

114 N. Chestnut Street

Jefferson, Iowa 50129

A Resolution Petitioning Governor Kim Reynolds, the State of Iowa Legislature, State Senator Jerry Behn and State Representative Phil Thompson to Address the Inadequacies of the Master Matrix

Whereas, the Greene County Board of Supervisors on February 18, 2019 was presented with its 99th Swine Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), approved, and forwarded the same to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR); and,

Whereas, the total number of CAFOs in Greene County now numbers 107 with 99 of these being swine confinements; and

Whereas CAFOs in Iowa have proliferated at a rate and number likely not anticipated by the authors of the 2002 Matrix; and,

Whereas, the Greene County Board of Supervisors, has attempted to provide pertinent information regarding the siting of CAFOs in Greene County' and,

Whereas, the current legislation and regulation applies the use of the Master Matrix that has not adequately differentiated between the geography, water resources and other critical considerations throughout different regions of the State of Iowa; and,

Whereas, the inability to properly take into consideration information within the knowledge of local sources, has highlighted the shortcomings of the Master Matrix to protect the air, water, health, "quality of life" and economic interests of all the citizens we were elected to represent; and,

Whereas, the inadequacies of the Master Matrix in its present form has been scientifically documented and legislative remedies are needed; and

Whereas, we suggest that consideration be given to allowing more local control in the permit process. County Boards of Supervisors should be allowed on an annual basis to establish the level of the successful point threshold for their county at a level higher than the current 440 points. This would place more local input into the permit process;

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved By The Greene County Board of Supervisors:

The Greene County Board of Supervisors do hereby petition Governor Kim Reynolds and the State of Iowa Legislature to begin s process of reviewing and updating the Master Matrix to better protect the air, water, health, "quality of life" and economic interests of all the citizens we were elected to represent.

Roll Call vote: John Muir ____

Dawn Rudolph ____

Tom Contner ____

Mick Burkett ____

Peter Bardole ____